GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LAWS TO REGULATE SURROGACY
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of surrogacy are increasing in the country, as reported in the 'Times of India'; dated October 15, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to bring a comprehensive law to regulate surrogacy in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the likely time to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Government has no data indicating any increasing trend of surrogacy in the country.

(b)&(c) There is no proposal to bring any law to regulate surrogacy in the country. However, Government has approved "National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of ART (assisted reproductive technology) Clinics in India" prepared by Indian Council of Medical Research in November 2005 and circulated to State and UT Governments. These guidelines, which are available on the website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, have provisions relating to requirements for surrogate mothers and general conditions for surrogacy, rights of a child born through various assisted reproductive technologies, etc.